Every such policy shall contain a provision to the effect that the insolvency or bankruptcy of the employer shall not relieve the insurance carrier from the payment of compensation for injuries or death sustained by an employe during the life of such policy.

Every contract or agreement of an employer the purpose of which is to indemnify him from loss or damage on account of the injury of an employee by accidental means, or on account of the negligence of such employer or his officer, agent or servant, if engaged in extra-hazardous employment, shall be absolutely void unless it shall also cover liability for the payment of the compensation provided for by this Article.

No contract or insurance issued by a stock company or mutual association against liability arising under this Article shall be cancelled within the time limited in such contract for its expiration until at least ten days after notice of intention to cancel such contract, on a date specified in such notice, shall be filed in the office of the Commission and also served on the employer. Such notice shall be served on the employer by delivering it to him or by sending it by mail, by registered letter, addressed to the employer at his or its last known place of residence; provided, that if the employer be a partnership, then such notice may be so given to any one of the partners, and if the employer be a corporation, then the notice may be given to any agent or officer of the corporation upon whom legal process may be served.

An. Code, sec. 31. 1914, ch. 800, sec. 31.

31. Nothing herein shall affect any existing contract of policy of employer's liability insurance or the liability of any mutual insurance association, or any arrangement now existing between employers and employes, providing for the payment to such employes, their families, dependents or representatives of sick, accident or death benefits in addition to the compensation provided for by this Article; but liability for the compensation specified in this Article shall not be reduced or affected by any insurance, contribution or other benefit whatsoever, due to or received by the person entitled to such compensation, and the person so entitled shall, irrespective of any such insurance or other contract, have the right to recover the compensation directly from the employer.

This section referred to in construing sec. 36—see notes thereto. Scott v. Independent Ice Co., 135 Md. 345.

Application of Article; Extra-Hazardous Employments.

An. Code, sec. 32. 1914, ch. 800, sec. 32. 1916, ch. 597, sec. 32. 1920, ch. 456, sec. 32. 1924, ch. 583, sec. 32.

- 32. Compensation provided for in this Article shall be payable for injuries sustained or death incurred by employees engaged in the following extra-hazardous employments:
- (1) The operation, including construction and repair, of railways operated by steam, electric or other motive power, street railways and incline railways, but not in their construction when constructed by any person other than the company which owns or operates the railways, including work of express, sleeping, parlor and dining car employees on railway trains.